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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign to the Health Finance Commission the study of the presence of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in the general public and the effect they have on improving public health.

Whereas, Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in the United States;

Whereas, The Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) estimates that approximately 15 percent of all workplace deaths are attributed to SCA;

Whereas, The national survival rate of SCA is 90% within the first minute of defibrillation shock, 70% within three

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minutes and only 50% within five minutes;

Whereas, A study by the National Institute of Health revealed that a victim of SCA has double the chance of survival if an automated external defibrillator (AED) is present compared to relying solely on CPR and the local first responder system; and

Whereas, Public Access to Defibrillation programs are endorsed by the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, American College of Emergency Physicians, leading insurance companies, and EMS organizations: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to assign to the
2 health finance commission the study of the presence of automated
3 external defibrillators (AEDs) in the general public and the effect they
4 have on improving public health.
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